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Attached is the Geographic Research Area contribution to
the 1958 briefing paper.

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Geographic Intelligence

We maintain within our Office of Research and Reports a group of competent geographic analysts who provide research and technical support to all parts of the intelligence community and contribute substantially to the National Intelligence Survey Program.

A major part of the work of the geographic group, mostly in the form of geographic intelligence reports and maps, is undertaken in direct support of operations planning and field activities, either of the Agency or the Armed Services. On the accuracy of this effort depends the lives of individuals who are either to be rescued from hostile territory or put into hostile territory to accomplish operational missions. Air Force crew members have been briefed, preparatory to special missions, using the geographic reports prepared by this Office on how to evade or escape should USAF planes crash land behind enemy lines. Similar reports are prepared in support of unconventional warfare and psychological warfare programs incorporating intelligence on a wide variety of environmental factors, including analyses of minority groups, border zones, strategic regions, routes of clandestine movement, target installations, and closely allied topics.

Geographic intelligence research has also been directed toward aiding the surveillance of USSR and Chinese Communist progress in guided missiles by providing analyses of feasible sites for missile testing and training ranges. Other studies have contributed to intelligence estimates of Sino-Soviet Bloc economic development through the analysis of the influence of physical geographic factors on Communist capabilities to meet goals in the fields of agricultural production, hydroelectric power generation, and construction of major transportation routes.

During the past year, a number of geographic intelligence reports and briefings were prepared on USSR operations in Antarctica and the Soviet Arctic with a particular view to assessing the significance of Soviet achievements and long-range intentions as they may affect United States interests in the Polar regions. In this work, we are closely supporting the Operations Coordinating Board through its Working Group on Antarctica. In association with the Office of Scientific Intelligence and the Armed Services, we are also making an analysis of Soviet geodetic activities conducted in the USSR and abroad. Through this analysis, the community is better able to evaluate Soviet progress in determining accurate relationships between missile launch sites and targets, and can obtain indicators on the disposition of launch sites in the USSR.

Experience has shown that one of the most effective ways of presenting intelligence is to make extensive use of specially constructed maps. Our cartographic unit within the Office plans and prepares these intelligence maps for inclusion in CIA reports, National Intelligence Estimates, National Intelligence Surveys, and for many other purposes including covert planning and operations.

An extensive map library and map reference facility is also maintained for use by all authorized Government officials. Its specialized collection of foreign maps is kept current through a coordinated and highly effective interagency map procurement program that reflects the requirements of the several Government agencies having need for foreign maps and minimizes the possibility of duplicative collection efforts.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ORR PRODUCTION**

1 January - 31 December 1958

Table 1. Reports Completed

Geographic Area

<u>Category</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>
CIA/RR-G	5	
MR	3	
GR	44	
G/E	11	
G/I	33	
GM	7	
G/S	18	
		<u>121</u>
NIS Sections		29
Contributions to Chapter I, Annual of the NIS		7

Table 2. Maps and Charts Completed

<u>Geographic Area</u>	1,299
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Table 3. Projects in Progress

	<u>Geographic</u>
In Reproduction	2
Editorial Review	2
In Preparation for	
Reproduction.....	5
In Division for Revision.....	3
Projects Scheduled:	
Research in Progress.....	52
Research Pending.....	43
	<u>107</u>

<u>Table 4.</u>		<u>Maps and Charts in Progress</u>	
	<u>Geographic</u>		<u>Total</u>
In Reproduction	51		
In Proof	61		
In Progress	<u>287</u>		
			399